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7 hours, 6 hours, 5 hours or 5 minutes, that's what they're going to have to do to get a vote on this bill. I fought hard along with a few others last session to kill this bill. I can understand what Senator Schimek said about her constituent, so I want Senator Schimek to know that nothing I say is directed against her for bringing the bill. Anybody can bring any bill that the person wants to bring. But I fight these kinds of bills. You can call me worse...whatever is worse than a prude when it comes to consuming alcoholic beverages in vehicles, whether moving or parked in a public area, a parking lot, or whatever. Whatever is harsher, less tolerant than a prude, that's what I am. And I'm going to fight this bill. There are too many times when this Legislature will hypocritically go after young people and punish them in a way that I think is unconscionable for even standing near alcohol if a bill that was introduced last session would have gone; and I understand it's clone is in here this session. Then the Legislature will turn around and in order to make profit for adults, loosen all of these restrictions and requirements. We're going to tell the young people it's bad if you stand near this alcohol, but it's all right for adults to consume it. They've got to have alcohol everywhere they go. Scarcely is an invitation issued to the senators without some reference to alcoholic beverages, either being provided free, or there's a cash bar, because they know where the inclination of the senators is. If I said inclinations plural I mean are...where the...what the inclinations are. I believe in our setting an example for young people. These vehicles are not taking people...they shouldn't be anyway, from Omaha to Kansas City, so if they cannot be without liquor from their destination, from the point of origin to the point of destination, they have a serious problem. And the Legislature should not be exacerbating that problem by making alcohol consumption available even at that time under those circumstances. My amendment would put some language back in the bill that the committee amendment took out. I think I may have heard Senator Bromm say that the original language in the green copy would have taken the bill out of conformance with federal law because, as written in the green copy, it did not make it clear that the driver could not consume alcohol if he or she was not in the seating position. Is that correct, Senator Bromm, more or less?